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My dear friend

Maria W. Chapman

Thou must think I

set a low value on thy long and painfully interesting letter received at the time of our Convention, else some acknowledgment of it would have been made before now. It was not the case however, - the letter had been read again and again - its details dwelt upon - and desirous as I was to hide myself "till these calamities be overpast", the claim upon our sympathy is such as to enlist my feelings warmly in your behalf.

True I could hardly bear the harsh epithets applied to those whom we had almost venerated; & may we not still indulge the hope (even against hope) that they will see that the measures they are pursuing will scatter & divide - rather than further the great enterprise, to accomplish which so many, of diverse opinions on other subjects, harmoniously conjoined. I can't believe that Mary S. Parker will be satisfied to work with a sectarian few, against the united many - but that she and some others will uttress their steps. - You must keep as near to them as you can, so as to draw them back to the true fold. We could not possibly spare to you our Charles C. Burleigh, pressing as seemed your exigency. We feared for his health & for the excitement into



which he would necessarily be drawn. Moreover he is needed here to prevent the 'flames' extending to this part of the camp: We shall look for his return to us next week. J. G. Whittier will soon withdraw from the Freeman. What his next course will be we are left to surmise. He must not array himself against our dear Wm L. Garrison. - I should regret to lose him more than any other who lists that way. I would <sup>far</sup> rather he should be neutral than write as he does. Moses Catland is here & will probably succeed him as Editor of our paper.

Hast thou any prospect of being at the great Anti-Slavery Convention in London next year? - How I shall long to go! - Our next Women's Convention must not interfere with the time for leaving the country to attend that Meeting. As 'Chairman' of the Committee <sup>in Philad<sup>a</sup>.</sup> to make the appointment of time, I would thus early consult thee, whether immediately following the New-England Convention will not be the best arrangement we can make, if it will allow time to cross the Atlantic. Dost thou know what month is concluded on for that glorious event? - Please let me hear from thee on this subject, as well as all others in which we are mutually interested.

Our Female Society here are stirring themselves on behalf of the coloured people - trying to improve



their situation. We have divided ourselves into committees & taken all the districts in the City where they reside - in order to carry out, as far as we can, that resolution of our Convention relative to them. Would it not be well for all our Female Societies to do likewise?

This will probably be handed thee by our son Thomas Mott who is going with his cousin W<sup>m</sup> Yarnall to take a little journey, as relaxation from his studies.

He is quite a young & new traveller, but I hope will not be too bashful to call on thee.

Affectionate remembrances to thy sister Anne whose letter was truly acceptable, though I have not yet said so to her. - Also to sister Mary and indeed to all our dear friends there -

very affectionately thy L. Mott.



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